



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish Management Program



Proposal Number
(WDFW use)

Sportfishing Rule Proposal Form

To propose a sportfishing rule, please fill out this form completely - **one proposal or idea per form, please!** Feel free to make copies of this form or share it with friends. Rule proposals need to reach us by July 11, 1997, to be included in this year's process. For help in filling out the form, see instructions on the back, or attend one of the regional meetings described in the attached letter.

Name _____

Phone # _____

(to be used only if we have a question about
your proposal)

Mailing Address _____

1. Current rule you would like to change:

2. Your proposed rule:

a. Species affected: _____

b. Geographic area affected: _____

c. Time of year in effect: _____

d. Other details: _____

3. Why this change is needed:

4. Public or Agency Involvement:

a. Names of individuals or groups with whom you have discussed this change:

b. Describe their support or concerns:

Please mail completed form(s) to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Sportfishing Rules Committee
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, Washington 98501-1091
(360) 902-2183

Or FAX to:

This file may be downloaded
and printed from our Web site:

<http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/>

Instructions

1. **Current rule you would like to change:** What rule is currently in effect for the area, species and time period you would like to change? Would any parts of the rule already in place remain in effect?
 2. **Your proposed rule:**
 - a. Species affected - What type of fish or shellfish would this rule apply to? (i.e., all game fish, trout only, yellow perch)
 - b. Geographical area affected - what area should be covered by this rule? (i.e., freshwater only, the Columbia River, or a specific area such as from the mouth of the Skagit River to the Memorial Highway Bridge) If your change refers only to a specific section of a river, we will assume that you intend that rules in effect in other areas will remain unchanged.
 - c. Time of year in effect - Should the rule be in effect all year, or just for a specified time period?
 - d. Other details - Anything else you want to include such as gear type, daily limit, etc.
 3. **Why this change is needed** - the reason or "justification" for the change you suggest (i.e., "to protect a population of fish or shellfish from overharvest," "to provide a specific type of fishing opportunity to a group such as juveniles," or "to provide harvest opportunity on a healthy population of fish.")
 4. **Public or Agency Involvement:**
 - a. **Names of individuals or groups with whom you have discussed this change** - please identify by name; and
 - b. **Provide a brief description of their support or concerns.**
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Sample Proposal

1. Current regulation you would like to change:

Sample Lake is currently open to fishing for game fish from the last Saturday in April through October 31, with statewide size and daily limits.

2. Your proposed regulation

- a. Species affected - All game fish
- b. Geographical area affected - Sample Lake, Sample County
- c. Time of year in effect - Year-round
- d. Other details - Size and bag limits would remain unchanged.

3. Why this change is needed:

Trout are no longer planted in Sample Lake, so there is no reason to restrict the opening time.

4. Public and/or Agency Involvement:

- a. Names of individuals or groups with whom you have discussed this change:

Sample County Poggie Club, Enforcement personnel in Sample County (etc.)

- b. Describe their support or concerns:

The Sample County Poggie Club supports this proposal. Local enforcement officers have not expressed any concerns over this change.
